Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 23 Oct 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 24 Oct 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 22 Oct 2021 at 11:01 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for change to milder conditions over the weekend but it will be windy. Also high confidence for rain towards dusk on Saturday, clearing Sunday morning.

Headline for Saturday 23 Oct 2021: Mostly dry, bright spells. Rain edging eastwards during evening. Very windy over higher ridges, summits and feeling bitterly cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 23 Oct 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	<05%	<05%	<05%	10%	40%	50%

Forecast for Saturday 23 Oct 2021

Weather: Dry with clear periods overnight then some sunshine during the morning. Sunshine will become restricted to northern Cairngorms in the afternoon with clouds thickening in south and west of area. Patchy light rain will extend eastwards during evening, turning heavier in southwest of area towards Ben Alder.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% reducing 30% during afternoon and early evening.

Visibility: Very good in the morning and early afternoon with much of the cloud cover up about 800 to 900m. It will turn hazy later in afternoon in south and west of area with poor visibility as rain sets in. Also clouds coming lower down the hills.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	18/23 S	28/35 S	35/44 S	45/58 S	48/63 S	49/65 S	50/67 S	47/63 S	42/56 S
900	16/20 S	24/28 S	30/37 S	40/52 S	45/58 S	44/57 S	46/60 S	41/54 S	38/50 S
600	7/11 S	14/20 S	20/29 S	29/43 S	32/48 S	28/42 S	30/44 S	26/39 S	23/36 S
300	4/8 SW	4/10 SW	6/15 SW	13/30 S	18/39 S	16/36 S	17/38 S	15/33 S	14/31 S
Glen	4/12 SW	4/15 S	5/18 S	7/26 S	9/31 S	7/28 S	6/28 S	5/24 SW	4/21 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-2/-9	-2/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10	0/-9	2/-7	3/-6	3/-5	4/-4
900	1/-4	2/-4	4/-2	5/-2	6/-2	5/-2	6/-1	6/-0	7/0
600	3/0	4/1	6/1	6/1	7/2	8/3	8/3	9/4	9/5
300	2/1	3/2	4/2	7/4	9/5	10/7	10/7	11/8	11/8
Glen	3/1	3/1	4/1	7/4	10/7	11/9	11/8	11/9	11/9
Freezing Level*	900m	1100m	1400m	1600m	2100m	2100m	2400m	2400m	2300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Difficult walking conditions in the very strong winds over higher ridges and summits. Also feeling bitterly cold.

Forecast for Sunday 24 Oct 2021

Weather: A cloudy start but the last of overnight rain soon clearing away. Then drier and becoming brighter during the morning with sunny spells and a few showers in the afternoon, these mainly towards Monadhliath mountains.

Maximum wind: Not as windy as Saturday but still southwesterly gales on the tops. Average speeds of 30 to 40mph with gusts 55mph, possibly 60 over the Plateau later in the day.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50%

Visibility: Generally good with overcast conditions at first then occasional cloud cover following, bases about 700 to 800m. Patches of poor visibility in rain at first and showers in northwest later where cloud cover will be more extensive.

Temperature: **Glens:** 7 Celsius rising to 14 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 8 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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